

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3750  
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BAN ON EXPORT OF HERBS  
RAMPAL SINGH

**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that with the lifting of ban on the export of rare and almost extinct herbs by the Government, these herbs have become scarce and costly in the Indian market;
- (b) if so, whether the Government propose to impose ban on the export of herbs;
- (c) whether the Government propose to conserve these herbs and to promote its farming in the new areas to avoid its extinction; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)&(b): Restriction on export of 29 plants from wild which have become rare/endangered continues to be in force.

(c)&(d): Agro-techniques for plants available in the wild are being developed for ex-situ cultivation. Central Sector scheme has been implemented by the Indian Council for Agricultural Research for encouraging farmers to cultivate Medicinal Plants. Programmes for expansion of the area under medicinal and aromatic plants, training of farmers have been introduced. Herbal gardens are also being maintained for conservation of different medicinal plants. Further, Medicinal Plants Board has also been set up to inter-alia develop the Medicinal Plants sector.